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## **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services News Conference to Announce Stepped-up Cell Phone Confiscation Effort**

### ***K-9 Teams Are the Latest Tool in the War Against Cell Phones***

TOWSON, MD (July 8, 2008)---Gary Maynard, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), and J. Michael Stouffer, Commissioner of the Maryland Division of Correction, will discuss the State's stepped-up efforts to confiscate inmate cell phones on Wednesday, July 9. The news conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the old Maryland House of Correction, off route 175 and David McGuinn Road in Jessup.

Members of the media will be able to photograph a large number of cell phones confiscated during the past few months at State correctional facilities. And the Department will introduce its newest tools in locating cell phones: specially-trained dogs from the Division of Correction Canine Unit.

Cell phones used by inmates in correctional facilities present a significant safety risk to the public, correctional staff, and inmates alike. Since late last year, a greatly enhanced contraband interdiction effort has focused on cell phones. The results of that effort will be discussed---and shown to the media.

**WHO:** *DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard, Commissioner of Correction J. Michael Stouffer, and other Public Safety and Division of Correction leaders*

**WHAT:** *Cell Phone Interdiction News Conference*

**WHEN:** *Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 p.m.*

**WHERE:** *Maryland House of Correction, off Md. Route 175 and David McGuinn/House of Correction Road*

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